



# **National Finance Center Customer Notification**

**Date of Notification: March 24, 2010**

**Subject: EARN DB2 Database Outage (FOCUS Reporting) Follow-up**

**Database/Customer(s) Affected: All Customers**

**Dear Customer:**

This is a follow-up to the Customer Notification dated March 4, 2010 on the above issue.

We are continuing the reload process of EARN DB2 database and are currently on track to complete the process by early next week. Once PP 05 is loaded, we will make the database available again. You will be notified when the process is complete.

We regret any inconvenience this issue may have caused, and are working diligently to restore the data. Please forward any questions regarding this notification to the NFC's Client Management Branch at [Customer.Support@usda.gov](mailto:Customer.Support@usda.gov).

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## **"Tip of the Week"**

The 2010 Medicare rate remains 1.45 percent. The 1.45 percent Medicare portion of FICA does not have a maximum annual earnings or a maximum amount paid by the employee. All earnings subject to Medicare withholdings will be subject to the 1.45 percent rate.